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Munitions scientist wins equal employment award

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EGLIN AFB, FLA. — Neville A. D. Thompson, an electronics engineer assigned to the Air Force Research Laboratory's Munitions directorate, is the recipient of the 1998 Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award.

Thompson is best known for his work with the black employment program that he chairs. He is also known for his inspiring work for the Eglin summer hire mentoring program. In the award citation, the Air Force stated that Thompson distinguished himself by meritorious service resulting in major contributions to the effectiveness and success of the Air Force Equal Employment Opportunities program.

"The summer hire mentoring program gives underprivileged and disadvantaged youth the opportunity to work in many offices on Eglin," said Col. Harry Dutchyshyn, director of the Munitions directorate. "Neville put the program together and actively worked in it. It's no wonder to me why he would win an award like this. He deserves all of our praise."

Based on his numerous accomplishments, Thompson was also nominated for the NAACP Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award. This honor is bestowed upon an outstanding military member or DOD civilian who has distinguished him- or herself by making significant contributions to his or her country in the areas of human and civil rights, race relations and public service, among others. The Wilkins award is scheduled to be announced in July. @